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RUSSIANS FIRE AT U.S. PLANE

Vienna, April 23.
In full view of a large crowd of American correspondents and army personnel at Tulln airport outside Vienna, four Russian fighter planes fired shots off the wing of a United States army C47 transport plane as it came in for a landing yesterday.

Four crewmen supported the statement of the pilot, Capt. James Baxter, that the Russians fired between two and four 37-millimeter cannon shots and the fighters followed the transport to the field and left after the wheels of the American plane touched the ground.

The incident occurred just half an hour before another plane bearing a party of 14 touring American publishers and editors landed. —Associated Press.

CHINESE FIRE ON FRENCH

Paris, Apr. 23.
Twelve French soldiers were killed and 20 injured in a shooting incident at Hanoi, chief city of Tonkin, in Northern Indo-China, according to a French News Agency report from Hanoi today.

Some of the injured are gravely hurt and it is feared that there are also some civilian victims.

The French report stated that Chinese troops fired on French soldiers and a crowd of people after a collision of French and Chinese lorries in the heart of the city.

Three other lorries filled with Chinese soldiers arrived on the scene and without warning, the report added, opened fire on unarmed French soldiers and on the crowd.

A French patrol arrived half an hour later, dispersing the Chinese who continued shooting from windows and rooftops for some time until an order to cease fire was given by the Chinese Commander after a protest from the French Commander. —Reuter.

Associated Press quotes the Paris Radio as saying that 15 (not 12) were killed and 20 wounded, and that the trouble ended only when the French made a "forceful representation" to the Chinese command.

Millions Of Children In Need Of Food

Cairo, April 23.
Between 20,000,000 and 30,000,000 children in Europe need food. "It is a vital problem still unsolved," Maurice Pato, advisor to Herbert Hoover on child problems, reported today. Pato is a New York investment banker who started a child feeding programme after World War I.

In a report to Hoover he described child health and food conditions in Poland, Finland, Sweden, Britain, the Netherlands, Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Austria, Yugoslavia, and Greece.

"In the present food-deficient countries on the continent," Pato's report states, "there are approximately 40,000,000 children from infants to 18 years of age living in urban communities."

"Your estimate that over 20,000,000 of these children are underfed and require supplementary feeding seems to the low side. From the data gathered in various countries which we have surveyed, I estimate that as a result of war, mass killings, vast enforced migrations and famine there are today no less than 11,000,000 orphans and half of the orphans are in Europe." —Associated Press.

HONG KONG'S "D-DAY" Resumption Of Civil Govt. On May 1st Governor Due The Day Before

CIVIL GOVERNMENT WILL BE RESTORED IN HONG KONG AT 10 O'CLOCK ON WEDNESDAY MORNING, MAY 1.

THIS WAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, WHEN IT WAS STATED THAT THE OFFICIAL CEREMONY OF THE RESUMPTION OF CIVIL GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE PLACE AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE AT 10 a.m. ON MAY 1.

POLICEMAN STABBED

Oxford, April 23.
Five police forces are hunting for two men, following the stabbing of an Oxford City policeman, Clifford Dunkley, in an Air Raid shelter yesterday morning.

For a radius of ten miles round Oxford, the police have been stopping every car. Dunkley had been investigating a burglary at the Single Tree Day Nursery in Rose Hill and entered a shelter nearby.

He found two men sleeping there and it is alleged that in the struggle which followed their effort to escape the policeman was stabbed. Though badly hurt, Dunkley gave chase but collapsed. He was operated on in Radcliffe Infirmary and was reported today to be improving.

It is believed that the two suspects are Borstal boys and may be making towards London. —Reuter.

The Months Ahead Are Critical

WASHINGTON, APRIL 23.
PRESIDENT HARRY TRUMAN DECLARED TODAY, "THE EMERGENCY WHICH UNRRA IS DESIGNED TO MEET CONTINUES. THE MONTHS IMMEDIATELY AHEAD ARE CRITICAL."

THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT WAS MADE IN A LETTER ACCOMPANYING THE SIXTH UNRRA REPORT TO CONGRESS. BOTH THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER AND THE SECTION OF THE REPORT DEALING WITH THE "JOB STILL TO BE DONE" STRESS THE GREAT UNFINISHED TASK, AND OVERSHADOW THE STATEMENTS ON THE ORGANISATION'S ACHIEVEMENTS DURING THE LAST THREE MONTHS OF 1945.

"World recovery still remains formidable," the President asserted. "Only concerted action by the United Nations—and primarily of the producing

countries—can—even at this date—avert prolongation of the emergency conditions throughout the world."

The President said: "Now more than ever intensified efforts are required of us. We must not fail. Conscious of the demands we will meet in full measure our obligations, because prudence and self-interest no less dictate our policy."

"Neither peace nor prosperity can be assured if we fail. Relief and rehabilitation are paramount in the world programme for world recovery, which is the primary objective of our national policy. They provide the best insurance against social chaos and total disintegration and the surest guarantee for the growth of democratic modes of thought and action."

Critical Period

"The emergency—which U.N.R.R.A. is designed to meet continues. The few months ahead are critical."

Meanwhile \$1,000,000 worth of surplus United States Army food in Alaska, including cereals, flour, dehydrated vegetables and eggs and tinned goods are to be distributed to famine threatened areas in Europe and Asia, the Secretary of the Interior, Mr. J. H. Krug, said today.

He added that the Department of the Interior was taking immediate action to find out whether additional relief could be provided for surpluses in Hawaii and Puerto Rico, stating that the first movement of supplies was being expedited.

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RE-ESTABLISHING OF COMPANY RECORDS

A COMMITTEE FORMED BY THE CHIEF LEGAL ADVISER—COLONEL G. E. STRICKLAND—UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF H. E. THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF—SIR CECIL HARcourt, K.C.B., C.B.E.—HAVE BEEN CONSIDERING WAYS AND MEANS OF RE-ESTABLISHING AND RE-CONSTITUTING THE RECORDS OF COMPANIES WHICH WERE LOST OR DESTROYED DURING THE JAPANESE OCCUPATION.

SOME COMPANIES HAVE THEIR OWN RECORDS OR ARE ABLE TO RECONSTRUCT THEM BUT PRACTICALLY THE WHOLE OF THE RECORDS AT THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES HAVE GONE.

It was on account of this loss and to ascertain the extent to which companies were in a position to furnish duplicate records that the Acting Registrar of Companies published an advertisement calling upon companies to furnish particulars concerning their records.

A further advertisement, to similar effect, is published in page 6 of this issue and those companies who have not already complied are urged to do so forthwith.

During the occupation many share certificates have been destroyed, lost or passed into unauthorised hands. The certificates have, in many cases, just been treated as waste paper. The situation is complicated by reason of the practice existing in Hong Kong of passing shares from one to another accompanied by a blank signed transfer form. In this way, even if the company's own share register is complete, the registered proprietor may be a person who parted with the shares years previously and who is now without any means of knowledge as to who the rightful possessor of the shares is.

Inform Statement

It is understood that the Committee will be making recommendations shortly to the Administration as to the best methods of dealing with the situation.

An interim statement, however, was released to the Press by the Committee yesterday. This warned those members of the public who are interested in lost share certificates that there are ways and means whereby they can protect their interests, and that full avail should be taken of these remedies. The Adminstration, it is understood, is contemplating doing all that is reasonably required where the existing machinery is inadequate to meet present con-

Senate Asked To Approve Loan

Washington, April 23.
Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg, Republican of Michigan, today asked unrestricted Senate approval of the British loan "for the sake of American welfare in a peaceful world."

He said he had reached "the reluctant decision that the bill should pass for the sake of America."

The Michigan senator described approval of the bill as a gigantic speculation but he added that not to pass the bill might be an even worse speculation.

Before the session, Alben W. Barkley, the Democratic leader, said he had no intention of displacing the loan bill with draft legislation unless the final vote is unexpectedly delayed until within a few days of May 15, the expiration date of the draft law.

Supporters of the loan, headed by the chairman of the Democratic opposition to the measure, had been counting heavily on Vandenberg's backing.

Vandenberg said the loan represented whether the United States will accept economic as well as moral leadership in stabilising the world, which he said, must be stabilized for America as well as for other countries.

The riot, which began yesterday afternoon, was approaching its climax tonight, when it is expected a determined move will be made by the authorities to clear up the situation. —Reuter.

ARSENIC PLOT MYSTERY

Nuremberg, April 23.

United States army authorities said today that additional German prisoners of war had been taken ill in a mysterious arsenic plot against 5,000 former soldiers confined in a camp near here.

Brig.-Gen. Samuel Williams, Commander of the 26th Infantry Division which guards the camp, said the arsenic was applied presumably with a brush on the bottoms of loaves of bread marked for delivery to the camp. Four full bottles of arsenic and two empty arsenic bottles were discovered under the floor of a local bakery from which the bread was delivered.

It was understood that in Frankfurt a search was underway for a Polish displaced person who was said to have fled mysteriously from the area. All the poisoning cases resulted from a consignment of bread delivered on April 18. —Associated Press.

BRAZIL POLICE HUNT FOR 'THE SHADOW'

Rio de Janeiro, April 23.

Now arrests were reported today by the Brazilian police in the cotton township of Marilia in their drive against the Japanese Secret Society, "Shindo Rommie" — an offshoot of the ultra-nationalist "Black Dragon Society" in Japan—which terrorised Japanese settlers in the state of San Paulo.

The police are still hunting for the mystery man of the Society — Thugulo Kishimoto, known as "The Shadow."

Among the latest arrests is Fukuma Taishi, accused of severely wounding by shot-gun a fellow countryman named Kaneko Shibui. Shibui, who persistently admitted the Allied defeat of Japan, had the day before received a letter saying: "You will be killed at 5 p.m. tomorrow — The Patriotic Japanese Society."

The Shindo Rommie's purpose in trying to convince the 250,000 Japanese in San Paulo that their country is undefeated is to induce them to sabotage crops, badly needed to alleviate the world food shortage.

"The Shadow" has been so successful that he has actually sold passages to Japan and nonexistent real estate in "conquered Asia." The police records show that many farm workers have been his victims.

The authorities have great difficulty in obtaining direct clues of Kishimoto's whereabouts as his transactions are usually carried out by a third party.

Small isolated groups of agriculturists in the interior are living in fear of the Shindo Rommie. Many have asked for police protection especially for next Monday night, the birthday of Emperor Hirohito but it is very difficult for the police to watch the whole of San Paulo's 112,000 square miles. —Reuter.

Delegates Told To Resign

Berlin, April 23.
Fourteen delegates from the British zone who were elected to the Executive Committee of the new German Socialist Party, formed by the Socialists and Communists in the Ruggen zone, this morning each received a letter from a Lieutenant-Colonel in the Political Department of the British Control Commission, ordering them immediately to resign from the Committee.

The letter claimed that all members of the Social Democrat and Communist Parties in the British zone allowed to attend the congress at Hanover during the weekend (which voted unanimously for the fusion of the two parties) did so under the express condition that they went as guests.

The letter called on the delegates to announce their resignation through newspapers. —Reuter.

THE WEATHER

Today's forecast: Fair and warm, with light southerly winds. Yesterday's temperatures: Maximum—69 deg. at 2 p.m.; Minimum—56 deg. at 6 a.m. Sunshine: 7 hours. Maximum humidity: 69 per cent. at 9 a.m.



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In Sydney Now

AN ENGLISHMAN TAKES A LOOK AROUND

By Our Special Correspondent

Accommodation shortage is still extremely acute. Within a five mile radius of the G.P.O. there are 350 buildings which are partially or wholly occupied by Government departments—departments born in wartime. Government, however, has announced that none of these buildings, or similar ones in other capitals, will be vacated for some time. Commonwealth departments occupy 613,000 sq. ft. in rented buildings in Sydney alone. It is hoped that the Red Cross will soon vacate premises in Phillip Street, in which case they will be used by barristers returned from the Services. The public has been warned by senior Air Force officer against any attempt to take over the two houses at Point Piper and Darling Point when the R.A.A.F. vacate them. "Marmanah," City Council's King's Cross mansion, under offer to the State Government at a peppercorn rental, may pass to the control of the State Council of the Returned Servicemen. It will cost £2,000 to convert it into flats. Dozens of house hunters unsuccessfully visited and telephoned the Toorak home of Lieut-Gen. J. Northcott since his appointment as Governor of N.S.W. It had already been let. A disabled ex-naval man was unable to go beyond £2500 (top bid was £2550) for Crown land on which he was living. It was valued at £150. Having served 16 years in the Navy and forced by total incapacitation to live on an invalid pension, he said, "Thanks for the welcome home," after the sale. Another ex-Serviceman is offering to paint a portrait in oils and give a pair of nylon stockings to anyone who will tell him of a vacant house or flat in Sydney. A worried ex-airman has offered four pairs of nylon stockings and four cartons of Chesterfields for any information about 800 sq. ft. of office space to rent. One returned soldier has just secured a 10ft. by 10ft. flat in the city after trying since last August. A girl takes telephone calls and he works at home. In the section taken over by Government at Herne Bay Naval and Military Hospital eight families are now housed and another 16 families will be moving in shortly. As a precaution against squatters each tenant must produce a card of identification. Behind barbed wire once again! Despite this chaos, Australia is considering ways and means for large-scale migration from the British Isles—the scheme to bring 50,000 children, particularly war orphans, has been described as impracticable—while the Australian Minister in London has before him now a plan to settle 100,000 natives of the Baltic States in Australia. It is a very bewildering situation for the returned Servicemen.

The New Isolationists

In addition to rabid nationalists who glory in their attitude, there is emerging today in the United States a new type in whose isolationism is based on timidity. Many of them can be found in the State Department. Their policy was recently well described by Clare Luce as that of the three monkeys—"See no evil, hear no evil, speak no evil." Many of these timid isolationists are high-minded and idealistic in their approach to foreign policy. But they are very adept in finding high-sounding excuses for avoiding decisions or positive action. They are also adept in the manipulation of red herrings; and in order to avoid facing the real dangers that confront the world, they love to make scapegoats out of small fry. An example of this latter tendency is shown by the vehemence with which they attack tin-pot dictators like General Franco and Colonel Juan Peron of Argentina as a substitute for devising any effective policy to resist the power politics of Soviet Russia. U.N.O. has proved a godsend to these timid gentrified. In the past, they used to argue against any proposed course of action on the grounds that it might upset the Russians. Now they are beginning to add that it would also sabotage U.N.O. Thus, some members of the Senate have gone so far as to say that Winston Churchill's recent proposal of a "fraternal association of the British and American peoples" would "cut the throat of U.N.O." This is the language of hysteria—if the twenty-year-treaty of mutual defence between Britain and Soviet Russia does not alarm the United States nor "cut the throat of U.N.O." why should a "fraternal association" of the English-speaking peoples produce such dire effects in Moscow and in the U.N.O.? Article 52 of U.N.O.'s Charter specifically provides for "regional arrangements" for the maintenance of international peace. This clause was inserted at the desire of Russia in order to bring their very tight treaty arrangements with Poland, Czechoslovakia and the Balkan countries into technical harmony with the spirit and Charter of U.N.O. It might, of course, be objected that the "region" covered by the British Commonwealth and Empire and the United States is a very large "region." Maybe it is, but it is also smaller than the "region" covered by the British Commonwealth and Empire and the Soviet Union, who have a "formal treaty of alliance. This, in short, is dished up as a form of "escapism" by those who wish to avoid international responsibilities and obligations. The same forces of appeasement which caused the last war are already at work again, camouflaged this time under the banners of idealism and world cooperation. It has been said that the League of Nations failed because the Senate of the United States repudiated their President's signature to the Versailles Treaty. It would indeed be a tragedy if the new attempt to build a world organisation were to fail because the United States should vacillate "through craven fear of being great."

JAPS. EVACUATING

Batavia, April 23. Indonesian sources yesterday reported that the evacuation of 200,000 Japanese from the interior of Java has begun. As stated previously.

SMUTS LEAVES

Pretoria, April 23. General Jan Smuts, South Africa's Prime Minister, left by air tonight for London to attend the British Empire Premiers' Conference. —Reuters.

BY THE WAY

By BEACHCOMBER.

At Bumblebrower Manor Captain Fouloughen came face-to-face with Vita Brevis. There were a score of guests present, and as she attempted to move away the Captain hissed, "Alone at last!" and laughed uproariously.

"How did you get here?" she asked insolently. "They found me under a gooseberry bush," said Fouloughen, with a heavy winkle. "Are you staying?" asked Vita Brevis haughtily, and then she added, "Tell me, as a matter of interest, how in earth do you do it? How do you get naked to houses like this?" "In this case," replied the irrepressible warrior, "I wasn't exactly asked, not what you'd call invited. I—er—I came as a private detective to—keep an eye on the jeweller. I'm—er—I'm keeping an eye on it." Vita Brevis gasped.

On A Point Of Disorder

An excellent method of preventing reality breaking into the fantastic world of the Commons was found the other day. Three Ministers failed to hear the number called out by the Speaker at question time, and answered the wrong questions. Jolly Jack Hopkins, with a light laugh, once suggested that no attempt should ever be made to answer the right question, as this is likely to lead to the giving of information.

(Enter, swimming, an old, old turbot.)

The Lantern-metal Muddle

Mrs. Duleie Bilbound has been informed in quadruplicate that her permit to dispose of lantern-metal is out of date. She replied that she had never had either a permit or any metal. They said that according to their files a permit had been sent to her. She replied that if it had that was no affair of hers. They said that the possession of permit made it obligatory to dispose of the lantern-metal. She replied that she had no lantern-metal. They said that she must have, otherwise no permit would have been issued. She said she had nothing. They replied that an inspector would call on her.

It Was It Was It Was It

I was delighted to see in the Observer last Sunday a portrait of John Milton at the age of ten to illustrate a review of a book of war reminiscences by Miss Gertrude Stein. The only thing that marred my pleasure was that the portrait was printed the right way up.

it desired parties reach Shanghai not later than June. Parties from Australia, South Africa and the Southern Pacific area will meet in Hong Kong and then go to Shanghai as a single body to join the main group. President of the A.C.A. is Dr. J. Young Wal, and Mr. Henry Ming Lai is the honorary treasurer. One of its main activities is Cantonese classes—at the last exam there was a 100 per cent. pass—under the tuition of three honorary tutors, the Misses Irene Young and Pearl and Minnie Chung.

Dinny Pails, Australia's No. 2 ranking player, has been granted permission to compete at Wimbledon. There is every possibility Geoffrey Brown will also go. Pails will partner Jock Harper, Harry Hopman or Brown in the doubles. Jim Wild and Mrs. Huxley (formerly Theima Rice) have been reinstated as amateurs.

"Bowling rather than batting was the primary weakness of New Zealand cricket," said W. A. Brown, Australian Test captain, when interviewed. Brown said he liked the six-ball over and felt sure most teams did, as it allowed the bowler to have longer spells at the crease.

Jack Johnson (12.6) knocked out Herb Narvo (13.8) in the fifth round at the Stadium on Saturday. A series of heavy eight-hand leads laid the foundation for the heavy-weight champion's success. Johnson has overseas ambitions, having had offers from England and America. There is a possibility he may meet Bruce Woodcock, and there is just a chance he will meet the winner of the Gus Lesnevich—Freddie Mills fight for the world cruiserweight title. Eric Macready (9.0) suffered his first defeat in 20 fights when his bout against Ted Sproutor (9.0) was stopped in the seventh round with the cartilage in Macready's nose displaced and blood pouring down his face. He showed great pluck and gameness.

The Only Job A Woman Fights Shy Of

By MARGOT HIRONS

did his best and failed, and now we must think of something else for him to do.)

"Come down from that tree at once," shrieked maternal anxiety to five-year-old astride a low branch, you'll only fall and hurt yourself." "Don't make him nervous," answers paternal sense, "leave him alone, and he'll learn to climb like a cat." (Which he does.)

Quiet, unfussy common sense is the trump card in the fatherless home. Tremble if you must, but tremble in solitude. There is no more certain road to disaster than to pull out the suffering mother stuff: "You wouldn't do a thing like that—sniff—if you really loved poor mummy."

But in how many homes, alas, the woman has to face this problem not only in imagination but in fact!

How many mothers, in the shadowy hours when worries loom large and awful, ask themselves what on earth they would do if they had to rear the family alone? "How would my sons get on without a father's influence? And for the matter of that, my daughter, too?"

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When a few years ago, I found myself in this very situation, I asked another widow to tell me the secret of her success in bringing up four splendid sons. "Success?" she queried. "I don't know—I've been too busy living minute by minute to think consciously of either success or failure." She considered a moment, then added: "Well, whatever you do, don't fuss. I believe men are so good with young people because they are hardly ever fussy."

Must Not Flutter

Odd snatches of thought plucked from very fully-occupied years have underlined the truth of my friend's words. More than half the help given by a man to his family comes from his sense of proportion, and his capacity for not being flattered by trifles. These are qualities which must be used daily and hourly if a young family is to avoid unnecessary tensions and nerve-storms. And these are qualities which the mother-father must endeavour to cultivate.

How deeply this fact applies to the mother-alone. She must live in her solitude, asking for nothing. But one day she may discover that all the time she has possessed everything; shy tendrils of care and affection and compassion have been springing up all round her.

Last summer a mother crossed the single-track line of a remote railway-halt, bought the tickets and then sat down to look at the view. A few minutes later 14-year-old padded across after her—"I've come to see what's happened to you, Mummy, I don't much like you crossing the line alone; you might catch your heel in the points, or get cut off by the train. You know, darling, sometimes you're very dreamy and absent-minded." (Who, I should like to know, was looking after whom?)

Mistakes Inevitable

Can any thoughtful person deny that people always get the children they deserve? One doesn't need to look far to see that bad-tempered people get irritable children; back-biters acquire offspring who soon turn round and savage them; parents with a slack and inverted sense of humour discover that they have bred up dirty-minded brats. If my children are misfits in life, I shall be quite sure that it is I who have made them so.

The bringing up of a child is the evolution of a complete person; a maturing, not just the piling up of years. It is a matter of constant, but of almost silent, endeavour. It is so easy to talk too much; to fuss.

Children are experimenting with the art of living; you cannot expect them to become proficient in their first twenty years. They are certain to make mistakes and do foolish things. Wasn't it Chesterton who said that if a man really cannot make a fool of himself we may be quite certain that the effort is superfluous? Very well; it is a mistake to think that your efforts have failed utterly if the young person says, just a few rolled-eyes. Don't be a fussy hen; were you completely wise at a similar age?

A corporative sense of humour, an appreciation of the ridiculous will often carry a family round a dangerous corner. The family which can laugh is a family doing nicely. If allowed to develop naturally the average child is quite extraordinarily sensible; from a very early age it is ready to co-operate and to listen to reason. It won't blame the mother alone if she cannot afford it extravagances.

Sporting organisations have decided Service men will not be admitted free in future. The English Rugby League team are expected to arrive on H.M.S. Indomitable on May 6 and all are hoping to take back with them food and clothing. Prices of the now golf balls will probably range from 3/- to 3/3 for the cheaper type and 3/9 to 4/- for slightly better ones. A grant of £42,000 towards the cost of bringing a leading American swimming coach to Australia is being asked of the Federal Government. Thirty-four swimmers have already been selected to train intensively for the 1948 Olympic Games.

On second thoughts I question if successfully running a family alone is a completely impractical undertaking. For I hear thousands of women answer in the absurd words of Irma's comic Welshman: "It's an impossible job; we're doing it!"

SECRET RAEDER PAPERS

How British Skill Broke Nazi Spirit

And Hitler Flew Into Tantrums

NUERNBERG, APRIL 23.

IN THE WINTRY TWILIGHT OFF THE NORTHERN-MOST TIP OF NORWAY, BRITISH NAVAL GUNS THUNDERED THE DEATH KNEEL OF THE GERMAN FLEET ON THE LAST DAY OF 1942. SECRET PAPERS LEFT BEHIND BY GRAND ADM. ERICH RAEDER AT NAVAL HEADQUARTERS, AFTER HE LOST HIS SUPREME COMMAND BECAUSE OF THE NORTH CAPE FIASCO, HAVE SUPPLIED THE INSIDE STORY OF HOW BRITISH FIGHTING SKILL BROKE THE GERMAN SPIRIT.

WITH TONNAGE AND FIRE POWER IN THEIR FAVOUR, OR AT ANY RATE, NO WORSE THAN EQUAL, TWO OF GERMANY'S FINEST CRUISERS THE HIPPER AND THE LUETZOW WERE ROUTED BY ROYAL NAVY WARSHIPS ESCORTING A MERCHANT CONVOY TO MURMANSK. WHEN HITLER HEARD ABOUT IT, HE FLEW INTO ONE OF HIS WORST TANTRUMS.

This is Raeder's own memorandum of a one-and-a-half hour tongue lashing six days after the defeat, which the Fuehrer's communique had attempted to disguise as a triumph:

"The Fuehrer said the navy had no meaning in the years of 1864, 1866 and 1870. The role of the German High Seas Fleet in the first world war had no meaning. It lacked men who would commit it to action, even without agreement from the Kaiser. It sapped a great deal of fighting strength while the army had continuously heavy fighting."

"The revolution and scuttling at Scapa Flow were no page of glory for the navy."

Heavy Ships Renounced

"The navy has always allowed its numerical relationship to enemy forces to be a great factor—but not so with the army."

Brought Defeat

Raeder claimed that if the professional naval command was reluctant to comply with the Fuehrer's wishes, especially when it meant restricting attacks against the British supply line to Russia via Murmansk.

"These orders brought defeat," he wrote; "these limitations kept commanders from fulfilling their tasks. When we sent surface ships into the North Sea, they were commanded to avoid loss, because it would cause a loss of prestige."

"Now the Fuehrer himself can said this kind of committal can never lead to success. Only the spirit of attack should be the basis of decision. That this spirit is not asleep is shown by many statements of unit and group commanders. I hope the ships of the fleet will be given an opportunity to take advantage of the situation at sea, mindful of destroying the enemy, to come upon the enemy."

The Fuehrer's answer was twofold: He gave Raeder's job to submarine specialist Doenitz and confirmed the immobilization of German big ships for the duration of the war.—Associated Press.

Humiliating Treatment

A week after his humiliating treatment Raeder dispatched two letters to the Fuehrer.

One was a formal recommendation that either Adm. Rolf Carls or Adm. Karl Doenitz was suited to take over the command which Raeder was resigning.

Raeder, faithful to the surface fleet, left no doubt that he would like to see the command go to Adm. Carls, "because of his personality, experience in leadership of operations and many other functions, such as ship design."

But he conceded that Doenitz's appointment would emphasize that the "U-boat war has special importance for a war decision" and reminded Hitler that Raeder himself had given Doenitz "three powerful promotions in this war."

The second letter was a report likely to be regarded as of lasting significance by naval historians.

In detail it confessed German mistakes and British superiority in the North Sea battle saying:

British Success

"A tactical success was doubtless gained by the enemy. He brought through a convoy undamaged and, of the attacking German units, we sank one destroyer, the Friederich Eckoldt, and a heavy cruiser, the Hipper, was damaged. His losses according to an official declaration of the British Admiralty were: the destroyer Achates, sunk; the destroyer Ondow, damaged, and the mino sweeper Bramble, sunk."

The report stated that the German cruiser Luetzow also took part in the action, but bo-

Nazis Go Back On Confession

DACHAU, APRIL 23.

Confessions said to have been made by two of the 60 members of the Mauthausen camp staff charged before the United States Military Court for alleged atrocities, were retracted at today's hearing.

Leopold Trauner, aged 63 and oldest of the accused said that the figure attributed to him of 3,500 prisoners being killed when he was supervisor should have been "five or six".

Willy Ebert, camp laundryman, said that his written statement made to the Court last week was "a tissue of lies from beginning to end".

Heinrich Eisenhower, accused S.S. man, said that there were books in his department showing credits to prisoners in three banks of more than 3,000,000 marks taken from prisoners on their arrival at Mauthausen.

There were also 27,000 envelopes containing prisoners' jewellery and other valuable—Reuter.

Food Truth For Germans

HAMBURG, APRIL 23.

The German people will tonight be told the truth about the food situation in a Control Commission statement broadcast over the Hamburg Radio to kill rumours that the Occupation authorities are living off the country and exporting food.

They will hear that all food for Germans, with exception of a small amount of perishable foodstuff for hospitals, has been imported, and that 93 per cent of food for displaced persons has been imported.

A million tons of foodstuff has been brought into the British Zone since the middle of June. The statement will add that coal exports from the Ruhr are not reparations, but used to pay for imported food, the cost of which is far in excess of the value of the coal.—Reuter.

Poisoning Deliberate

NUREMBERG, APRIL 23.

Evidence of deliberate poisoning has been found at a stalag 13 miles from Nuremberg where, it was announced last week, 1,900 German prisoners-of-war had been taken seriously ill from poisoning.

Four bottles of arsenic and two empty bottles have been found under the floor of a German bakery.

The prisoners were reported last Friday to have been taken ill after eating bread, which early investigation showed contained arsenic.

In accordance with normal procedure, bread was obtained from a local German bakery b. contract.—Reuter.

FORMOSANS LEAVE SINGAPORE

SINGAPORE, APRIL 23.

About 3,000 Formosans and Koreans, including 365 women and children are leaving Singapore for home tomorrow aboard a Japanese cargo vessel.

It is understood here that more Formosans and Koreans are expected to arrive from Sumatra shortly and will be kept in camps here until shipping is available to repatriate them.—Reuter.

ANDERS RUMOUR DENIED

ROME, APRIL 23.

In reply to inquiries concerning reports of the death of the Polish general Anders, headquarters at Ancona said yesterday that he was "perfectly all-right."—Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, APRIL 23.

The State Department announced today that Russia has agreed to discuss mutual commercial aviation problems similar to those discussed at the British-American-Bermuda meeting.—Associated Press.

R.A.F. Mission For Far East

LONDON, APRIL 23.

A special R.A.F. Mission to the Far East, which is to make a detailed investigation of Japanese navigational methods and equipment, is expected to leave England tomorrow in a Lancaster aircraft.

The mission consists of members of the Empire Navigation School, and is led by Wing-Commander Dunncliffe, who piloted a Lancaster Aries on the recent record-making flight to South Africa.

They will fly via Lydda, Karachi, Delhi, Burma, Ceylon, Malaya States and Singapore and go on to Canton and Tokyo.—Reuter

OPERATION ON DUCHESS

CANBERRA, APRIL 23.

The Duchess of Gloucester is to undergo an operation for appendicitis in Gloucester House Hospital next Sunday, it was officially announced today.—Reuter.

Franciscan Monk Tried For Treason

MALTA, APRIL 23.

Describing himself as a monk of the order of Franciscan Friars, Paul Ignatius Chetcuti appeared in court here yesterday with eight other Maltese charged with high treason through service in the Italian armed forces.

The accused had all been brought to Malta from Italy.

Chetcuti appeared in civilian clothes.

A statement was said to have been made by Chetcuti to Maltese police investigators who interrogated him at an Italian monastery and he disclosed that he had served with the Italian forces as a chaplain.

The Maltese renegade leader, exprofessor Carlo Mallia, had asked for spiritual assistance for the "Maltese-action" movement, some members of which joined the Italian forces, the alleged statement continued.

On referring the matter to his religious superiors, he was instructed to serve as a chaplain. Chetcuti was alleged to have added.—Associated Press.

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DAMASCUS, APRIL 23.

General Paget, former Commander-in-Chief of the Middle East, arrived today in Damascus to take leave from the Syrian Authorities in connexion with the British troops' withdrawal from Syria.—Reuter.

ADM. HAROURT'S APPEAL

Practise Economy, Prevent Waste

Australian Revue

It was expected that the show brought to Hong Kong by Wilfrid Thomas, the famed Australian radio comedian, would be good. But it is better than that; it is quality entertainment; burlesque almost from start to finish, but magnificent burlesque, tremendously satisfying. Only if the pimpmobile microphone were less in evidence could it be made more so, though the artists who make use of it readily earn forgiveness by the charm of their songs.

No one, of course, would suspect Joe Lawman, who heads the bill, of needing its assistance. Here is a comedian of first rank, seizing every opportunity for good fun, and with so expressively mobile a face that merely to look is to laugh. This is the heaviest burden, but an almost show in himself, he makes light of the task.

Wilfrid Thomas conveys with his customary artistry and droll humour, but he does more than that. He reveals himself as an adroit performer in amusing sketches, and his delightful parody on a sentimental love ballad is one of the cleverest items in the programme, without permitting one to overlook, in the quality of the voice, that he was once an outstanding performer with the Westminster Glee Singers.

Marjorie Prowse, baby of the show, warms the audience with charming songs; Barbara Jameson puts across modern swing in a manner which explains her Australian radio reputation; Dot Hubner instantly had the house joining in her skilfully played accordion variations on popular airs; and Joy Robin is an admirable partner and foil in Lawman numbers.

An excellent bill also includes Vera Karinska and Ernest Vedie who dance with light grace as though they like doing it and find it amusing rather than because they must.

This Australian revue company has been sent to Hong Kong by the British Centre, Sydney, who have this time picked a winner. There is no show this evening, but tomorrow evening and the following two nights, the Revue will continue with its season at the China Fleet Club, going to the FNSA Star Theatre, Kowloon, next week.

Money Mart

The Chinese Gold and Silver Exchange re-opened for business yesterday after the holidays, with rates for both Chinese national currency and gold steady.

Chinese national currency opened at HK\$2.35 to CN\$1.000 for futures and \$2.46 for spot, and closed at \$2.42 and \$2.50 respectively.

Gold opened at \$427 per tael, and after slight fluctuations closed at \$426.

U.S. dollars started over the week-end and yesterday large notes were in demand at \$5 and small at \$4.95. English Sterling had buyers at \$17 and Australian pounds at \$12.50.

Foreign currencies that have dropped were Tien notes and Pinang notes. The former, which until quite recently were quoted at \$52 to Tel. 100, were sold yesterday at \$38. Piastre notes dropped to \$30 for old and \$27 for new (per Piastres 100).

SHIP BLOWS

Oslo, April 23. Fourteen people were killed when the 4,000-ton "Ramos" blew up while lying alongside a quay at Henningsvær, Lofoten Islands, on Easter Sunday. Fourteen of the crew are missing and fifteen more were injured.

The ship, which had been loading salt fish for four days, was lying in a berth which used to be a minefield. It is believed that the explosion was due to a delayed explosion from one of the depth charges which had been dropped to clear the minefield some time ago.—Reuter.

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A STRONG APPEAL TO THE PUBLIC TO CONTINUE COOPERATION WITH THE ADMINISTRATION IN MEASURES FOR THE GENERAL WELFARE, AND TO PRACTISE ECONOMY AND PREVENT WASTAGE, WAS MADE BY THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, VICE-ADMIRAL SIR CECIL HAROURT, IN A BROADCAST FROM Z.B.W. LAST NIGHT.

ADMIRAL HAROURT SAID: "LAST WEEK I ATTENDED A FOOD CONFERENCE PRESIDED OVER BY LORD KILLEARN, WHO HAS BEEN APPOINTED AS SPECIAL COMMISSIONER IN SOUTH EAST ASIA TO DEAL WITH MANY PROBLEMS, BUT MORE PARTICULARLY WITH THE ACUTE SHORTAGE OF FOOD WITH WHICH THE WORLD IS FACED AT PRESENT.

"The Conference was attended by Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten, the Supreme Commander, who is in the process of handing over many of his civilian responsibilities to the appropriate civilian authorities, the Governors of the Malayan Union, Singapore, Burma and Ceylon, representatives of Borneo, Siam and French Indo-China, and also representatives of India and Australia.

"This Conference dealt with many things but I propose to speak to you tonight only of the things which directly affect us here in Hong Kong. Some of you may not know that in order to meet the world shortage of food the Combined Food Boards of the United Nations Organisation, which sits in Washington, allocates all the known supplies of food throughout the world to the various areas. They have to deal with the prospects of famine in Europe, there are the known shortages in China, and in the South East Asia area, and also in India.

"This Combined Food Board has already found it necessary to make cuts in the South East Asia allocation in which Hong Kong is included, and proposals have been made to make further cuts. This matter was one of the questions which the Conference dealt with, and representations were made to the Combined Food Boards, as it was felt that these proposed cuts were made under a misapprehension of the world food situation.

Rice In Siam

"There are two ways in which more food may be made available in South East Asia—and these are:—

"Firstly, increased allocation from the Combined Food Boards and Secondly, by increasing the supplies from our area.

"As a result of an examination of the possibilities of increasing the supplies in South East Asia, it became clear that the most effective increase would come from making available the supplies of rice which are at present in Siam. Any increased supplies made available would of course be reported to the Combined Food Boards.

"The increasing of supplies from Siam is a twofold problem. As you know, Siam is a country whose rulers aided with Japan, and, therefore, politically it has not been possible to deal with her quite on the same lines as the other areas. Questions of reparation, for instance, have checked the flow of goods of all sorts. There is rice in Siam, but the farmers have been loath to part with it until they were assured of being paid for it. If rice were to be handed over as reparations, the farmers have at present no confidence that they themselves would receive payment from their own Government. It is hoped, however, that this matter may be settled shortly, and that rice in quite considerable quantity may be available for export from Siam.

Transport Difficulties

"This, however, does not solve the whole problem, as owing to

GOVT. SERVANTS RETURN

A number of Hong Kong Government servants arrived back in the Colony yesterday from Brisbane in the s.s. "Marindu". They included Frank Brett and W. R. Hillier, of the Harbour Dept.; S. W. George and F. E. Lawrence, of the P.W.D.; and several police officers.

News Of Honour Came Too Late

It has been disclosed for the first time in Hong Kong that the late Lady Margaret Ho Tung appeared in the 1942 New Year Honour List. She was awarded the O.B.E.

The honour was published in the London newspapers at the time, but owing to the occupation of Hong Kong by the Japanese, the announcement was not known here, nor was it ever published.

The Colonial Office recently confirmed the award in reply to a query sent by the Hong Kong Military Administration.

Lady Margaret, herself, was never aware of the honour bestowed on her. She died in Hong Kong, while it was still under Japanese rule, on Feb. 7, 1944.

A memorial service for her was held at "Idlewild", on Feb. 15 of this year.

SNATCH THIEVES

At the Summary Military Court before Mr. W. H. Latimer yesterday, three snatchers were found guilty and convicted.

For snatching \$10.95 from a Chinese in Shan Tung Street on April 21, Wu Kau was sentenced to two months hard labour.

Chan Kam Chuen was also sent to prison for two months for snatching \$15.70 from the complainant, Lau Lan, in Shanghai Street on April 20. Inspector Thomas prosecuted.

With Inspector Dow prosecuting, Tam Kwai Sum, summoned for snatching \$130 and a pocket book from Chau To, was sentenced to three months hard labour.

ACCUSED CLAIMS AN ALIBI

COMPLETE DENIAL OF HIS PRESENCE ON LANTAU ISLAND BETWEEN AUGUST 18 AND 25 WAS MADE BY THE 11TH ACCUSED, L/CPL. ANDO TAKASHI AT THE MILITARY TRIBUNAL YESTERDAY WHEN TESTIFYING IN HIS OWN BEHALF AT THE RESUMED TRIAL OF 14 JAPANESE FOR WAR CRIMES ON THE ISLAND.

Ando stated that he had been sent to Canton on August 7 and did not return to the Kowloon Defence Headquarters until August 23. He remained in the Defence HQ. until August 26 when he rejoined the Kishi Unit at Tsun Wan.

"Therefore," Ando declared, "I have nothing to do with the alleged offences which had been committed on Lantau between August 18 and 25."

Supporting his claim, two Japanese prisoners of war from Shamshui Po camp were called by the Defence to give evidence.

Both witnesses stated that they had known of Ando's transfer to Canton and that they did not see him until August 26 when they were at Tsun Wan.

Not Beaten

Next accused called to testify in his own behalf was the 12th defendant, 1st Class Private Takematsu Haruhiko. He told the Court that after the guerrilla attack on his Company on August 19, he was assigned to guard the Chinese suspects brought in from villages.

He said he saw many of the suspects made to kneel on the ground and others had their hands tied behind their backs.

He denied that he had beaten up one of the suspects with a hammer.

Accused admitted, however, that he had struck a few suspects when they attempted to untie their hands and to escape. He said that he was given permission by his superior officer, Lieut. Kishi (1st accused), to strike them if they attempted to escape.

Private Uemura Gleaku, 14th accused, said that after the attack he had been performing sentry duty at No. 2 post about 200 metres from the Company's barracks until August 24. Between the night of August 24 and the morning of 25, he was assigned to guard the Chinese suspects in the barracks.

During the period he guarded the suspects, he said they were all in a room inside the barracks and were tied to each other. He

Bail In Extortion Case Reduced

Bail of \$3,000 in respect of Royal Isaac Fernandez, Inspector of Police, who appeared with three other defendants before a General Military Court yesterday on charges of extortion and accepting bribes, was reduced to bail of \$500 with surety of \$500.

Major A. Lonsdale, appearing for the Crown, said that the prosecution was unable to adduce evidence in support of the extortion and bribery charges as set out in the indictment, but desired to proceed with the case after the substitution of other names and dates in respect of the charges.

The President of the Court, Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro, ruled that, in the circumstances, the case be referred to the Legal Adviser for his further consideration with a recommendation that he should advise committal proceedings be taken.

Other Accused

The other three accused in the case are John Charles Stoppa, junk inspector, Yeung Wah-chau, clerk, and Tang San-hung, boatman, all Harbour Office employees.

Stoppa and Yeung are on bail of \$500.

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"SOS" SIGNAL PICKED UP

A distress signal was picked up on Monday afternoon from the American merchant ship, S.S. Rainbow, reporting that she had run aground near the Bonin Islands.

The ship appealed for immediate assistance as she was taking water fast in holds No. 1, 2 and 3.

The S.S. Flying Mist radioed back that she had altered course and was making full steam at 16½ knots for the "Rainbow's" position. A later message from the damaged ship said that she had hove to and that the incoming water was slowly gaining on the pumps.

RE-ESTABLISHING OF COMPANY RECORDS

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ditions but where remedies exist already and no assistance by new legislation is necessary, shareholders and others are expected to take steps themselves to protect their interests.

It is believed that some persons interested have held back supposing, presumably, that it was advisable to await an announcement of policy by the Administration. These are urged not to delay further.

It is further pointed out that any shareholders who have lost these certificates, whether or not these certificates were accompanied by blank signed transfers, should inform the company of the loss giving all relevant particulars as laid.

Ban On Share Transfers

Those persons beneficially entitled to shares who merely held certificates, not in their own names, accompanied by signed transfer forms, and who are no longer in possession of these, should also give notice to the company concerned but there may be cases where the company by its articles is empowered to refuse to give any recognition to such a claim. In such cases, a person should proceed by way of "notice in lieu of distraintas." This latter procedure will be available when the Civil Courts re-open.

Arrangements will be made whereby the ban on the transfer of shares will not be lifted until this procedure by way of "notice in lieu of distraintas" is available to those who wish to file such a notice.

Both the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce and the Hong Kong Chinese Chamber of Commerce have been supplied with more detailed information as to the remedies of shareholders, and members of these two Chambers who are concerned may obtain such information from them. Alternatively persons affected are advised to consult their solicitors.

Company Practice

The statement released deals also with the position of companies called upon to register transfers when the ban is lifted. It is recommended that all companies should give notice to a shareholder cut of whose name shares are sought to be transferred. It is suggested that such notice should allow a registered shareholder two weeks at least within which to object where such shareholder is known to be within the Colony and considerably longer where he is outside the Colony. This practice was as a precautionary measure followed by many companies prior to the war but it is considered advisable that all companies without exception should adhere to such a measure for some considerable time yet to come.

"The main object of issuing this interim statement" a member of the Committee stated, "was to impress upon people that they

MacArthur Resents All Criticism

British Air Lines In Italy

Washington, Apr. 23.—Jack Frye, President of Transworld Airways today suggested that the Italian Government should revise the exclusive civil aviation franchise it has given the joint Italo-American airline in order to allow for British aviation competition.

Frye told a news conference: "We have no objection to competition with British airlines but we are not willing to accept them as partners."

He said the British Government had made many objections to the deal between Transworld and Linee Aeree Italiane because it felt "frozen out" of the potentially profitable Italian airlines business.

Recalling that the Italian Government had given LAI exclusive rights over the principal domestic air routes in Italy, Sicily and Sardinia, Frye suggested that if the Italian Government would open parallel routes to the British, Transworld would have no objection. —Associated Press.

JAP. WAR TRIALS

Tokyo, Apr. 23.—Joseph B. Keenan, chief war crimes prosecutor, said yesterday there was a "bare possibility" that wartime Premier Hideki Tojo and other major war criminals may be indicted Saturday at the earliest because of slow translation.

Asked if Emperor Hirohito would be indicted, Keenan said "I have no comment."

Keenan said that the Russians have not asked for any charge in specific charges against Tojo and only for technical preamble changes. —Associated Press.

NAGOYA SGT. ON TRIAL

Tokyo, Apr. 23.—Sergeant Unosuke Mantani, who was second in command of the Nagoya prison, of war camp, was accused of brutal torture of Americans and other Allied prisoners in charges filed today by the legal section of Allied Headquarters.

Mantani was accused of lighting combustible material and holding it against exposed parts of prisoners' bodies. —Associated Press.

Kure, Apr. 23.—Major-General H. Ninnis, whose brigades was the first complete unit of British Commonwealth Occupation Forces to arrive in Japan, is planning to leave soon to assume the Northern Australian command, with headquarters in Brisbane. —Associated Press.

POST OFFICE NOTICES

MAIL NOTICE

OUTWARD MAILS

| Wednesday, 24th April. | | |
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| Macao & Tsinshan | Kwong Sai | 9.00 a.m. |
| Haiphong | Oradei | 10.00 a.m. |
| Syrtow | Taksang | 2.00 p.m. |
| Airmail for London, Calcutta, Bangkok & Saigon | { By Air | 1.45 p.m. |
| Canton | By Train | 2.00 p.m. |
| | | 4.00 p.m. |
| Thursday, 25th April. | | |
| Macao & Tsinshan | Kwong Fook Cheung | 9.00 a.m. |
| Formosa & Straits & Calcutta | Tak King Wo | 10.00 a.m. |
| Hoitow | Yueyang | (Parcels) 11.30 a.m. |
| Australia via Sydney | Chip Sun | 2.00 p.m. |
| Airmail for Canton, Chungking & Kunming | H. M. S. Whitesand Bay | (Parcels) 2.30 p.m. |
| Koumouo | C.N.A.C. Plane | 3.00 p.m. |
| Canton | Fook Wo | 3.15 p.m. |
| | By Train | 3.30 p.m. |
| | | 4.00 p.m. |
| Friday, 26th April. | | |
| Macao & Tsinshan | Kwong Sai | 9.00 a.m. |
| Canton | Sal On | 10.00 a.m. |
| Bangkok | Ninghai | 2.00 p.m. |
| Shanghai | Tsinan | 2.30 p.m. |
| Airmail for London, Calcutta, Rangoon, Singapore & Sydney | { By Air | 1.45 p.m. |
| Canton | By Train | 2.00 p.m. |
| | | 4.00 p.m. |
| Saturday, 27th April. | | |
| Macao & Tsinshan | Kwong Fook Cheung | 9.00 a.m. |
| Airmail for Canton & Shanghai | C.N.A.C. Plane | (Reg.) 9.15 a.m. |
| Canton | Farshan | 9.30 a.m. |
| Salon & Bangkok | Edna | 10.00 a.m. |
| Monday, 20th April. | | |
| Airmail for London, Calcutta, Durban, Rangoon, Singapore & Sydney | { By Air | 1.45 p.m. |
| | | 2.00 p.m. |
| Tuesday, 30th April. | | |
| Airmail for Shanghai | C.N.A.C. Plane | (Reg.) 4.50 p.m. |
| Haiphong and Saigon | Carpen | 4.50 p.m. |
| Swatow & Amoy | Anhui | 4.50-10.00 a.m. |
| Britain, Ceylon, India, East & South Africa, Aden, Egypt, Europe & United Kingdom via Liverpool | (Parcels) 4.50-9.00 p.m. | |
| | (Reg.) 4.50-2.45 p.m. | |
| | (Ord.) 4.00-9.00 p.m. | |

ATOM RESEARCH AND CANCER NO U.S. PLANE IN AREA

Washington, April 23.—The greatest benefit from the atomic programme may be in treatment of cancer and similar diseases, says a special War Department committee on atomic energy.

The report, quoted in the state Department's study on international control of atomic energy, also says there is "no foundation in current science for the hope" that atomic power can be used effectively for light, portable units for aircraft and automotive power.

"But," said the report, "we believe that the development of rather large power units for heat and conversion to electrical energy is a programme for the near future."

The scientists said they did not regard atomic energy as a competitor with coal and petroleum products but "as a supplement to existing sources, and an incentive to new development."

Dr. J. R. Oppenheimer, Dr. A. H. Compton and others prepared the report, which said "We should not be astonished if the greatest benefit of the atomic programmes were in therapy for some of the neo-plastic diseases, such as cancer," and in new understandings in biology, medicine, chemistry and physics. —Associated Press.

Australia And United States

London, Apr. 23.—Prime Minister Chifley of Australia said today that Australia wanted the United States to take a greater interest in the Pacific than before the war, but that bases in that area should not necessarily belong to any one nation.

Mr. Chifley is in London for the opening of the conference of Commonwealth prime ministers today.

Third, he negated the expressed queries by the Far Eastern Commission about advising the holding of elections this month. On receiving his replies, the Commission decided not to oppose the elections, with New Zealand and Russia dissenting.

Fourth, he gave negative replies to three out of four suggestions at its first meeting. On the fourth suggestion, he gave a partly favourable reply.

Fifth, questions requesting information regarding many thousands of war guilty Japanese still in official positions in Japan drew filibustering replies from the head of the Military Government. —Associated Press.

VIRTUAL DICTATOR

The correspondent added that General MacArthur's "virtual dictatorship" is giving Japan an American-flavoured constitution. It is giving the country American libraries, American broadcasting programmes, American films, American news services, American statistical systems, American business service and American education plan. Japan is thus well on the way to getting what is described as the American way of life.

The Crown Prince, who now has a British tutor, is about to have an American one. The Japanese have accepted all these things with open arms. Many are willing to accept anything offered by the Americans if it will help them to get plenty of food." —Reuter.

THE MONTHS AHEAD ARE CRITICAL

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Supplies to Europe will include \$500,000 worth of clothing, most of which will go to Poland.

A Reuter despatch from Montreal says that 1,000,000 bushels of cereals destined for Europe's starving peoples are either in transit on Canadian canals, or now being loaded at Great Lakes ports for shipment to Montreal.

Thousands of bushels are already on the way to Europe and several British merchantmen docked this week end. —Reuter.

Can't Meet Needs

Washington, April 23.—While President Truman reported to Congress yesterday on U. N. R. R. A. appropriations, Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson said it would not be possible for the wheat exporting countries to supply U.N.R.R.A. with the 700,000 tons of wheat and flour requested monthly.

Truman warned that only concerted action by the United Nations could alleviate the desperate conditions in the world.

"We must not fail," he wrote in his report, which, though dealing with the last quarter of 1946, obviously was based on the present more critical conditions.

Anderson told a news conference that U.N.R.R.A. will be allotted more than the 340,000 tons previously promised it in April.

"There is simply not enough wheat in existence to give what is required," he said.

Anderson said the combined food board on Wednesday expects to announce the allocation of cereals for the April-June emergency period. He added that the British and Canadian representatives may make known their plans to match the action of the United States in reducing the domestic distribution of wheat. —Associated Press.

Communist Pressure Increasing

CHUNGHKING, APRIL 23.—NEITHER GOVERNMENT NOR THE COMMUNISTS IN CHUNGHKING HAD ANY FRESH WAR NEWS YESTERDAY.

LATEST REPORTS SAID THAT COMMUNIST PRESSURE WAS INCREASING AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT SPEARHEAD PROBING NORTH FROM BY-PASSED SZEPINKAI.

Nationalist reports from Changchun as being safe but without freedom of action.

North China Jitters

Approximately 100 Nationalist take-over officials are also detained there. The same paper carried reports from Harbin that a small number of Communists entered that city and demanded and obtained from the municipal authorities, 700,000 Gobi dollars, equivalent to U.S. \$4,500.

The Peiping "People's Daily" reports that Government troops have reached Kungchuling (40 miles below Changchun) and are expected to engage in bitter fighting with the 80,000 Communists concentrated there.

Lieutenant-General Chao Chih-hsiang, acting commander of the Government's armies on the north-east, is due to fly from Mukden over the Changchun area today to survey the military situation there. A "New Life" correspondent described the five United States novices

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BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION HONG KONG

NOTICE

The Companies Registry is now open for registration of new companies, filing annual returns and generally for the transaction of business.

The following registers and books have been recovered:

1. Roll of Public and Private Companies;
2. Limited Partnership Register;
3. Chinese Limited Partnership Register;
4. Register of Trust Companies;
5. Registers of Mortgages.

On the other hand none of the files of companies, other than those relating to companies which registered during the Japanese occupation, have been recovered so far and it is feared they may have perished. It is not known how far companies can supply this serious lacuna.

It is obvious that if they cannot, legislation will be necessary.

In order to be able to consider the form of such legislation, all companies which were registered on the 24th December, 1941, and are now carrying on or intend to resume business in the Colony are asked to furnish the following particulars to the Registrar of Companies:

Neither Government nor Communist spokesmen reported any progress toward a solution either of the bigger political dispute or the heavy fighting in the Manchurian civil war.

A Communist spokesman said General Marshall listened to Chou En-lai explain the political and military situation in China from his party's viewpoint during the three-hour conference "without making any comment."

Chou En-lai disclosed, however, that Marshall had asked for Communist investigation of the assertion by Communist headquarters and newspapers that United States Army planes had strafed the Communist lines in the area of Szeipinkai.

Chou En-lai, disclaiming personal knowledge, radiated the field commander for a full report. He received a radio from Yan'an stating that the five American correspondents whose whereabouts were earlier unknown were safe and well at Changchun.

A Government spokesman said that the Communist claim that United States Army aircraft were assisting the Government forces in Manchuria was a "complete fabrication."

Marshall conferred with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek yesterday afternoon. —Associated Press.

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RICE WINE

Canton, Apr. 23.—Wine merchants and distillers here are hard hit by the Government order prohibiting the distilling and sale of wine in order to conserve rice for food.

An appeal has been made to the authorities to draw a distinction between white distilled from rice and that distilled from other ingredients.

The matter is under consideration, but pending official sanction business is at a standstill.

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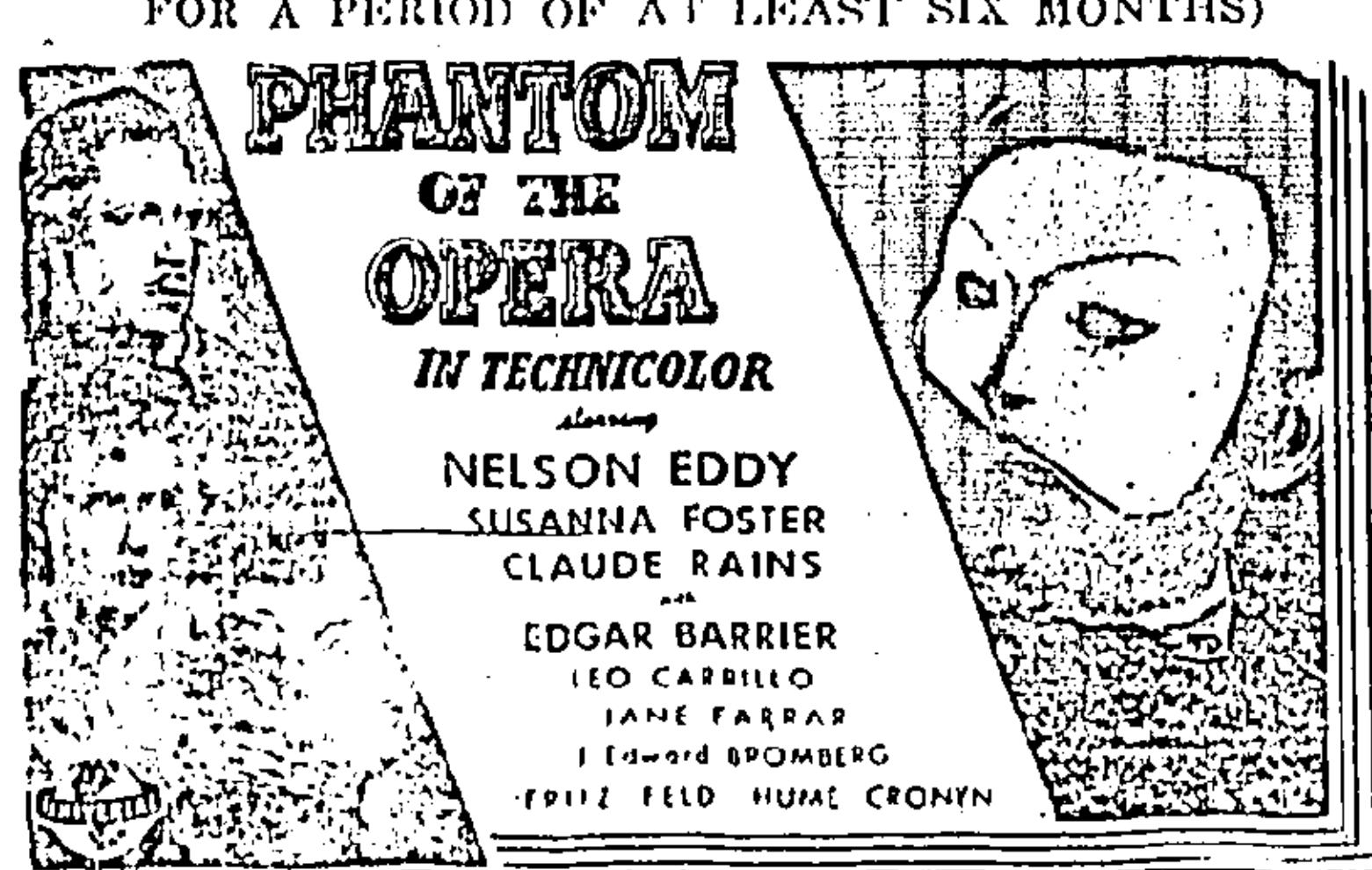
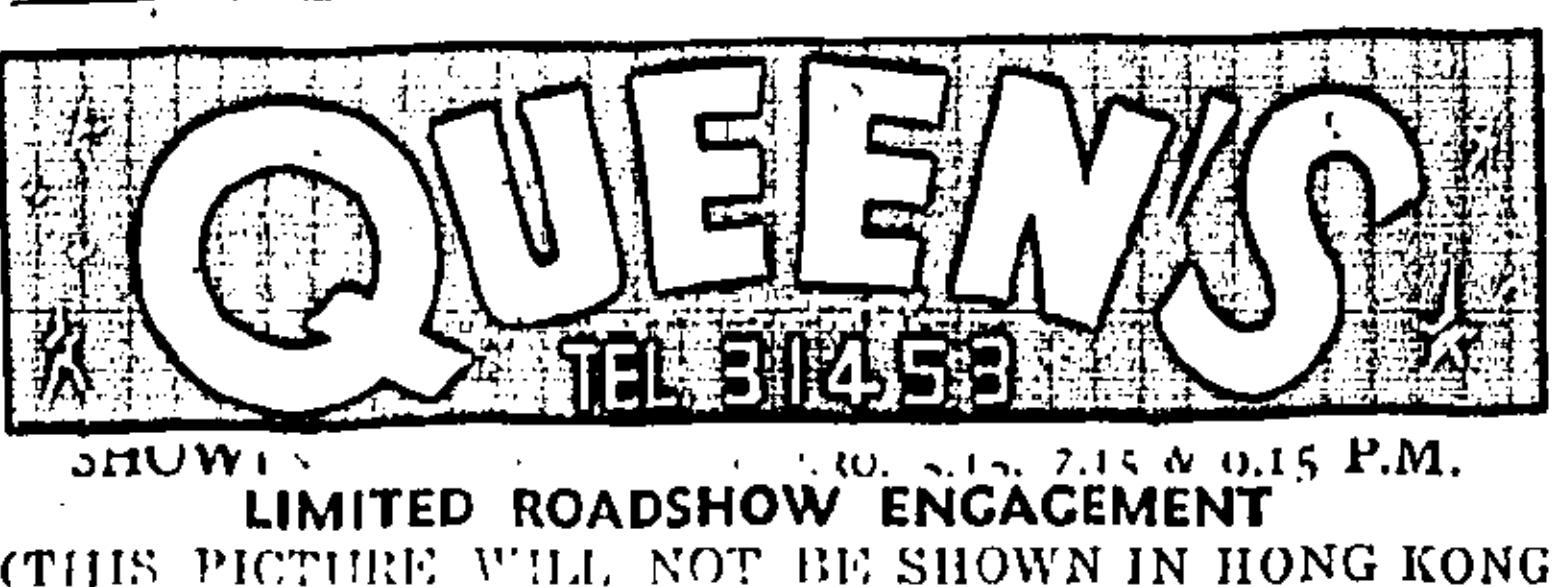
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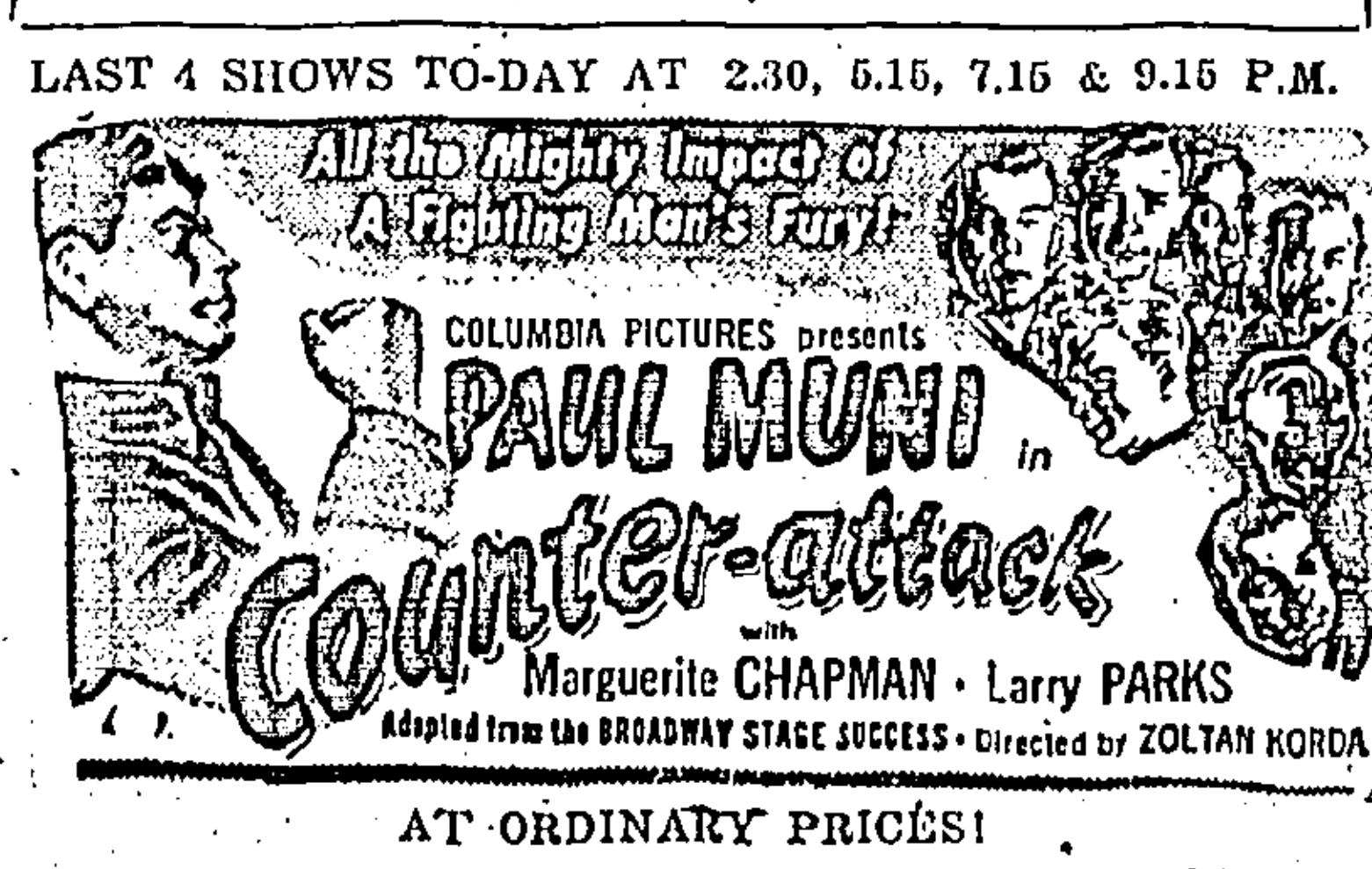
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Britain Agrees To Make New Sacrifices

WASHINGTON, APRIL 23.
THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAS ALREADY AGREED TO THE DIVERSION OF 200,000 TONS OF CEREALS FROM ITS STOCKS AND "PIPELINE." IT WAS LEARNED AUTHORITATIVELY TODAY. A FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT ONLY AWAITS FINAL DECISIONS ON POINTS AT WHICH THE DIVERSIONS CAN MOST CONVENIENTLY AND EFFICIENTLY BE MADE.

Authoritative sources in Washington emphasized tonight that Britain proposed to allocate only 60,000 out of the 200,000 tons to U.N.R.R.A. countries. British officials, it is understood, want 50,000 tons to go to the British Zone of Occupation in Germany, 60,000 tons to the Far East, particularly India, and the remaining 20,000 tons to other countries in need.

It is emphasized that this contribution will have immediate effect in easing the grave situation of the famine-stricken countries of Europe. It will be in the hands and stomachs of hungry people long before the six-point programme of the United States is fully underway.

I.L.P. Request

At Southport today the annual conference of the Independent Labour Party decided to send a telegram to Mr. Clement Attlee containing an urgent request that British food stocks should be immediately released for the peoples of Europe. The Party's chairman said that Britain was the only country that could do something immediately to save hundreds of thousands of decent people, who were dying in the streets and homes of Europe.

The National Council of the I.L.P. adopted a resolution calling on the United Nations organisation to give priority to the world food shortage above all others. It also declared that the situation demanded the setting up at once of a world food organisation incorporating the service which U.N.R.R.A. has built up.

Experts At Work

The mover of the resolution said that neither Indians, because of their colour, nor the Germans, because of enmity, should be denied an equal share of the foodstuffs available. Another delegate said he would be quite ready for every member of the I.L.P. to go on prison rations if that would help to overcome hunger in Europe and India.

British Food Ministry experts were said to have spent the week-end in drawing up a scheme designed to give comparable effect in Britain to the 25 per cent cut in flour consumption in the United States. The Cabinet is expected to make an announcement shortly. The shadow of world famine will lie heavily upon the discussions of the Commonwealth Premiers, which open in London tomorrow.—Reuter.

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WASHINGTON, APRIL 23.
THE SECRETARY OF STATE, JAMES F. BYRNES, WILL LEAVE FOR PARIS TODAY TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE OF FOREIGN MINISTERS, GRAVELY AWARE THAT UPON THE OUTCOME OF THE FOUR-POWER TALKS DEPENDS THE SUCCESS OF THE COMING PEACE CONFERENCE.

SOME OF BYRNES' CLOSEST ADVISERS CONSIDER THAT THE MEETING WILL BE A POSSIBLE TURNING POINT AND SUGGEST THAT IT COULD MARK THE END OF EFFORTS BY BRITAIN, RUSSIA AND THE UNITED STATES TO WORK HARMONIOUSLY FOR EUROPEAN PEACE SETTLEMENTS.

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Seven-Point Offer By Teheran To Rebels

TEHERAN, APRIL 23.
TABRIZ RADIO SAID YESTERDAY THAT FIGHTING HAD BROKEN OUT BETWEEN THE IRANIAN ARMY AND THE FEDAILA (VOLUNTEER AZERBAIJAN DEMOCRAT WARRIOR) SOUTH OF MINDAUB. SEVERAL FEDAI WERE KILLED AND FIFTEEN WOUNDED.

AN IRANIAN GENERAL STAFF OFFICER SAID NO OFFICIAL WORD OF ANY FIGHTING HAD BEEN RECEIVED IN TEHERAN.

The Tabriz radio announced that Iranian troops attacked with mortars and machine-guns, driving the Fedail from their positions, but that the latter regained their positions the following day.

Meanwhile, a seven-point programme for the return of Azerbaijan to the Iranian Nation Government was issued by Premier Quavam Es Sultanch. It proposed:

(1) Agricultural, trade, industry, communications, education, health, police, justice and finance offices will be elected by provincial and city councils and their orders will be issued by the Government in Teheran.

(2) A provincial governor to be appointed by the Teheran Government on the recommendation of the Provincial council. Army and national police commanders for the area will be named in Teheran.

Free Parties

(3) The official language to remain Iranian, but office work is allowed in Azerbaijani (Turkish and Iranian), and schools to teach Azerbaijani in the five elementary classes.

(4) The Central Government to take into consideration negotiations for internal improvement.

(5) The Democratic Party and other political parties will be free "as they are already free in other parts of the country."

(6) No action will be taken against persons who have been helping the Democratic Party in Azerbaijan or joining in democratic demonstrations.

(7) An adjustment will be made in the Azerbaijan parliamentary representation, according to the actual population.

Associated Press.

Senate Foreign Relations Committee last Friday. Should events take such a turn, it would likely result in the unlimited creation of spheres of influence and link Britain and the United States even more tightly in common interests and policies.

There is increasing evidence that United States officials regard the British Empire system as one of the bulwarks of world order which America cannot afford to have weakened at any strategic point.

Russia's demand for trusteeship over Tripolitania is one of the issues over which a deadlock could develop.

Britain's Lifeline

The real problem is British control of the Mediterranean. American policy is said to provide that Britain's lifeline interests should suffer no harm.

Byrnes told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that it might be necessary to make separate treaties rather than have all the allies join each

treasury.

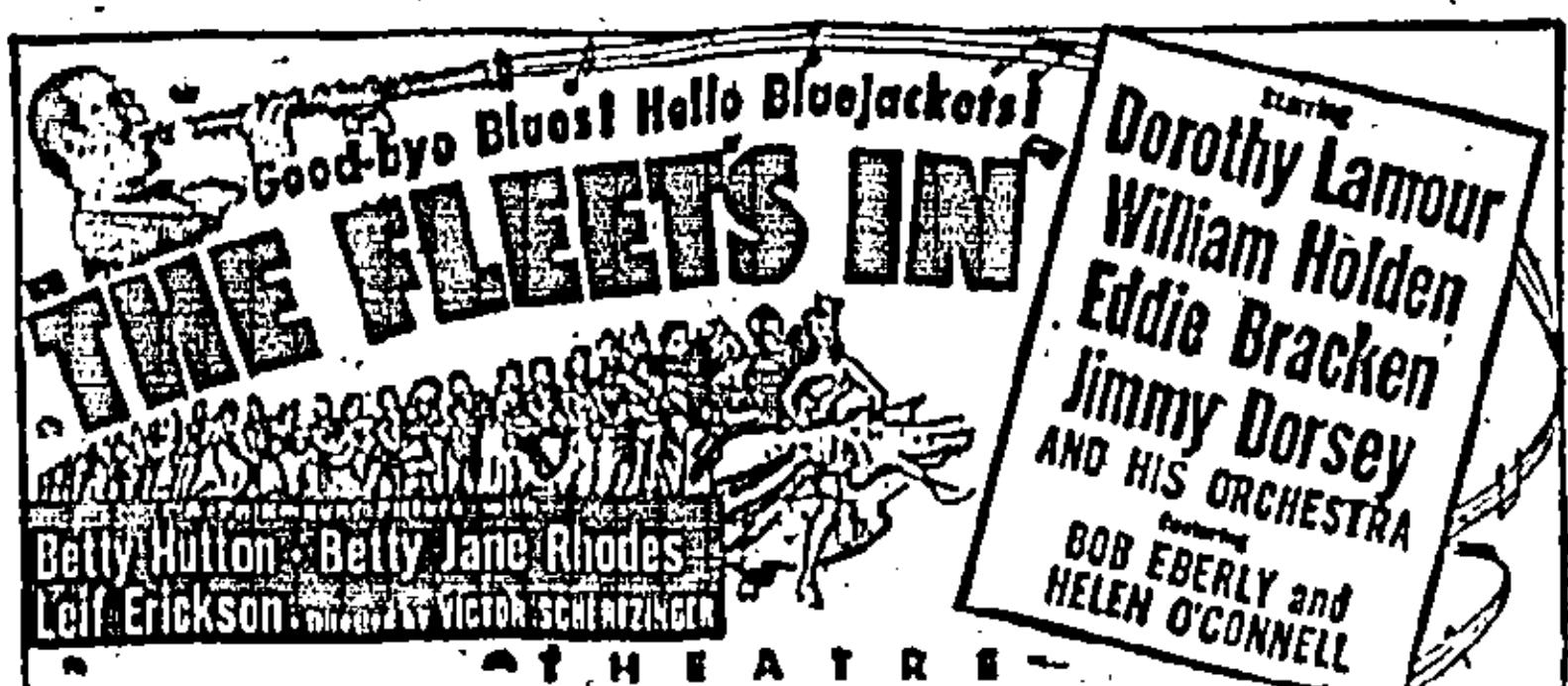
That would mean an uncontrollable rivalry between the United States and Britain on the one hand and Russia on the other for favourable agreements from Italy and other former enemy states.

No one seems to want this

situation but no one in Washington is able to offer any formula now which might break the deadlock.

American officials are preparing to leave for Paris, but the usual peace conference optimism is lacking.—Associated Press.

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San Francisco, April 23.
The Congress of Social Democrats and Communists in the Berlin Opera House today passed a resolution formally deciding on the fusion of the two parties.

Elsewhere in Germany and in other sectors of Berlin this party has not yet received Al-

lied permission to exist.

Today, both the Communist leader, Wilhelm Pieck, and the Socialist leader, Otto Grotewohl, continued their unstinted praise of the Russian administration and barely veiled attacks against the Western Allies, which seemed deliberately intended to play off the Eastern against the Western Occupation powers.

Herr Pieck made a violent at-

tack on the British Members of Parliament who recently broad-

cast on the question of fusion of the two parties. He added that Dr. Schumacher, leader of the Social Democrats in the Western Zones, only remained leader owing to the help of the British authorities, and that he agreed to come to Berlin only when protected by British police officers.—Reuter

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Berlin, Apr. 23.

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Call For Return To Private Trade

WASHINGTON, APRIL 23.

THE UNITED STATES HAS INFORMED GOVERNMENTS WHICH HAVE PURCHASING MISSIONS IN THIS COUNTRY THAT IT HOPES THEY WILL SHUT THEM DOWN AND THAT TRADE WILL BE RESTORED TO PRIVATE CHANNELS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. PURCHASES OF FOOD AND GOVERNMENT SURPLUS PROPERTY ARE EXCEPTED. THE ADMINISTRATION IS OPPOSED TO PLANS FOR TURNING TEMPORARY WAR-TIME PURCHASING AGENCIES INTO PERMANENT INSTITUTIONS.

The Export and Import Bank half-yearly report states: "Ex-

porters generally fear that the activities of missions may lead to their permanent establishment as the regular or principal channels through which countries will carry out their future trade with the United States.

Many purchasing missions designed to meet the exigencies of war-time procurement would need to continue operations during the transitional period. These should be subject to condi-

tions.

Export and Import Bank officials say that six months should be an adequate transitional period. The report also states: "In making reconstruction loans to liberated and war-devastated countries the Export and Import Bank has been guided by a desire to restore foreign trade to private channels as quickly as possible."

Goverments' Right

American officials realise that other Governments have a perfect right to determine their own purchasing methods. They wonder if those Governments accept the corollary that the United States has a perfect right to determine her selling policies and credit programme?

The problem, if not carefully handled, is likely to arouse anger on both sides of the Atlantic and complaints of outside pressure on domestic policies.

London reports that the British Government favours centralised bulk-buying for many products have created an unfavourable reaction. It is argued that the purpose and spirit of the British loan agreement was to enable Britain to return to normal private methods.

TREASURY POSITION

Washington, Apr. 22.

The position of the Treasury on April 18 compared with the corresponding date a year ago was as follows:

(This year) (last year)

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TRUMAN AT SEA

Norfolk, Va., Apr. 23.—President Truman boarded the aircraft carrier Roosevelt (CV-41) at 2:10 p.m. G.M.T. (11:10 p.m. U.K. time) on Monday and within half an hour the flagship of the 8th Fleet was under way for naval maneuvers off the Virginia capes. —Associated Press.

HE WENT TO THE DOGS

Birmingham, April 23.—In spite of his war experiences, which provided plenty of excitement, Albert Andrews, Military Medal and Bar aged 30, must still have thrills—so he went to the "dogs" to get them.

He is now a clerk but his Army record formed part of the story told to the Birmingham Stipendiary when he was fined 40 shillings for stealing £1.7s. 6d. from his former landlady. He told the police that he had spent it on "the dogs."

Detective J. Ross said that Andrews joined the Army at 15 and went to France soon after the outbreak of war. He was taken prisoner at Dunkirk but soon after the fall of France escaped from Aachen. Back in France he worked with the underground movement, carrying out sabotage for which he was later awarded the Military Medal. He served for eighteen months with Maquis, then got into Spain and was arrested at Barcelona.

On D-Day he went to France again and for bravery on that day was awarded a bar to his medal. He was wounded in Normandy.—Reuter.

"Hell-Fire Corner" Controversy

(By Charles Lynch)

Dover, April 23.

Things are far from quiet today in what not so long ago was Britain's "Hellfire Corner." The days of the hectic aerial dogfights are over, and the 16-inch shells from Calais and Cap Gris Nez whine no more. The towering White Cliffs, where Battle of Britain observers once huddled, now are peaceful and deserted, littered with rusted barbed wire, pitted with shell holes and half-filled anti-tank ditches.

But Dover, hotspot of war's Hellfire Corner, is in the throes of a controversy that has the town in an uproar, and has held up reconstruction. Basis of the dispute is the town council's plan to finish what the Germans started—to pull down the buildings still standing in the heart of Dover, and rebuild the town on modern plans drawn up by the well-known architect, Sir Patrick Abercrombie.

The Dover Chamber of Commerce and individual property holders have banded together to fight the proposal, which must be approved by the Ministry of Town and Country Planning before actual work can begin. The Ministry has already held a public enquiry at which tempers ran high.

The Germans destroyed 800 buildings in the Central Dover area. It is now proposed to pull down the 700 that the Germans missed. Meanwhile, the dispute is holding up the work of reconstruction in Britain's most-shelled town.

There has been no rapid healing of Dover's wartime scars. Many buildings stand just as the shells left them, with huge gaping holes and dangling girder. The gaunt shells of gutted hotels stand untouched on the waterfront. In the fields around the town, large shellholes remain unfilled; their chalky whiteness in bright contrast to the green grass.

There is no lack of manpower, Dover is one of the few towns in England with a manpower surplus—and an unemployment problem.

Did Favour
At the reconstruction enquiry, members of the Town Council

said in effect that the Germans had done Dover a favour in the long run by knocking down hundreds of obsolete buildings. They proposed that the job start by the 16-inch German channel guns should be completed by the people of Dover themselves—slums should be pulled down, new streets built, and the heart of the town reconstructed.

In addition, it was proposed to move the historic market place—something the Germans failed to do, although they landed dozens of shells in it. The Germans missed Iggleston's Corner, where David Copperfield is said to have rested; but now the Town Council proposes to demolish it. Dover's single remaining brewery survived the shelling, but the new plans call for its demolition. Five churches will also disappear.

Dover unquestionably is one of the most heavily damaged towns in Britain. But opponents of the reconstruction plan have stated publicly that it was not an area of extensive war damage, and therefore not subject to large-scale reconstruction. They advocate letting existing buildings stand, and building new ones piecemeal in the vacant spaces.—Reuter.

Professor Bernard Heimann, of the Melbourne University Conservatorium, is to visit Colombo next November as a guest of the conductor of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

This is the first time that such an invitation has been sent to an Australian-born musician.—Reuter.

Calcutta, Apr. 23.—Two thousand firemen struck work here today demanding more pay and a reduction of working hours. They said that they would attend to fire calls but not to other duties on the first two days of the strike but from the third day, the strike would be complete and fire calls would not be answered.—Reuter.

MURDER PLOT

Frankfurt, Apr. 23.—Eighty former German officers were seized in Upper Bavaria recently while they were plotting the assassination of Dr. Wilhelm Hoegner, Minister President of Bavaria, according to a Bavarian Civil Government official, quoted by the United States Information Control Division.

The disclosure first appeared in a newspaper at Landshut, Bavaria, which called the murder ring a "werewolf organization" and said that it had drawn up a list of more than 400 people, including Dr. Hoegner, who were to be killed.—Reuter.

MILLIONAIRE DISAPPEARS

Toronto, April 23.—The disposal of oriental gems and art treasures over half a million dollars in value is a problem presented to the Vancouver Customs officials by the disappearance of Henri Bar, French millionaire, from a small passenger ship which has just reached Vancouver from Shanghai.

Lord Halifax said that the United Nations Organisation "is in truth the last and best hope of the world".

"But if the charter of world peace is to be worth more than the ink with which it is written," he added, "it must carry the endorsement of purpose, friendship and understanding of the peoples who sign it."

"With that, all that we hoped for is possible, without it nothing. It must take time for the new mould to set but let our two nations who already have so much in common lead the way."

"The way of co-operation and understanding is not always easy. However complete our agreement on large issues, on minor questions we shall often differ—so in the pattern of Anglo-American relations, we shall welcome variety as long as the pattern remains, and we shall not fear differences as long as behind them there is this common and compelling purpose."

Lord Halifax stated that while as Ambassador, he had visited every state in the Union, which, as British Ambassador go, "I think constitutes a record."

Lord Halifax, who retires at the end of the month, will be succeeded by Lord Inverchapel, who as Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, was Britain's wartime ambassador to the Soviet Union.—Reuter.

DREAMING OF A NEW WAR?

Moscow, April 23.—Reactionary circles in Britain and the United States are dreaming of a new war, "Block Not Agitator" (Agitators' Notebook)—the political journal of the Moscow Committee of the Communist Party, said in its issue of today.

"The Soviet Union is now the mightiest political, military, and economic force, without which it is impossible to decide important economic questions," the article said.

"This evokes malice in foreign reactionary circles. These circles in the United States and Britain and other countries are doing all they can to arrest the inexorable process of historical development."

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Melbourne, Apr. 23.—Professor Bernard Heimann, of the Melbourne University Conservatorium, is to visit Colombo next November as a guest of the conductor of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

This is the first time that such an invitation has been sent to an Australian-born musician.—Reuter.

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Calcutta, Apr. 23.—Two thousand firemen struck work here today demanding more pay and a reduction of working hours. They said that they would attend to fire calls but not to other duties on the first two days of the strike but from the third day, the strike would be complete and fire calls would not be answered.—Reuter.

SPORTS SECTION

Charlton Drop A Home Point

LONDON, APRIL 22.—THE THIRD EASTER WEEKEND FOOTBALL PROGRAMME WAS MAINLY INTERESTING FOR CHAMPIONSHIP STRUGGLES BUT WHEREAS THE NORTHERN IS VIRTUALLY SETTLED THROUGH THE AMAZING CRASH OF EVERTON AT HOME, THE STRUGGLE IN THE SOUTH REMAINS UNCERTAIN WITH THE CUP FINALISTS CHARLTON DROPPING A HOME POINT.

IN THE NORTH, SHEFFIELD UNITED DROPPED A HOME POINT BUT OWING TO THE EVERTON RESULT THE YORKSHIREMEN HAVE A THREE POINT LEAD WITH BOTH HAVING ONLY TWO GAMES TO PLAY.

HOME RUGBY

London, April 23.—Results of rugby matches played today:

Rugby Union: Bath 17 Old Merchant Taylors 10 Bedford 25 Wakefield 9. Bristol 5 Newbridge 14. Camborne 0 Plymouth Albion 9. Cardiff 14 Harlequins 6. Cheltenham 0. Gwynnbaileys midland 6. Exeter 8. Leicester 5. Falmouth 3 St. Mary's Hospital 24. Gloucester 26 London Hospital 8. Llanelli 30 Northampton 6. Heath 20 Royal Air Force 0. New Brighton 5 Wasps 18. Newport 12 London Welsh 0. Penzance and Newlyn 12 Old Blues 8. Pontypool 6 Crosskeys 3. Sale 17 Rosslyn Park 5. Swanage & Barbarians 11. Torquay Athletic 29 Brighton 0. Waterloo 11 Coventry 0. Weston-super-Mare 13 Leicester Barbarians 3.

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